

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing message recipient local information comprising the steps of:

identifying an attempt to send a mobile message from a sending party to a receiving handheld device of a receiving party;

responsive to said identifying step, determining information local to said receiving party, wherein said location information indicates whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed;

providing said determined local information to said sending party; and

sending an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein said mobile message is a text message.

4. (Previously Presented) A method for providing message recipient local information comprising the steps of:

initiating a mobile message between a sending party and a receiving handheld device of a receiving party;

receiving local information from a service provider which services said receiving handheld device, wherein said location information indicates whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed;

processing said mobile message based on said received local information; and

sending an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein said mobile message is a text message.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to 4, wherein said processing step comprises, selecting an action from the group of actions consisting of sending said mobile message to said receiving handheld device, sending said mobile message to a mail box, and not sending said mobile message.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for providing location-based recipient information comprising:

a wireless service provider for providing wireless telephony services to a network of handheld devices; and,

a notification system configured to provide call recipient information ~~acquired from associated with said handheld device~~ a receiving party in response to an attempt to send a mobile message from a first handheld device associated with a sending party to a second handheld device ~~[[of]]~~ associated with said ~~[[a]]~~ receiving party in said network, said call recipient information comprising local information acquired from a time source

and receiving party information, said ~~location~~ receiving party information indicating whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed, wherein said notification system being further configured to ~~provide~~ acquire said local information prior to sending said mobile message, wherein said notification system being yet further configured to delay sending said mobile message until a decision to affirmatively send said mobile message is made ~~[[at]]~~ by said ~~originating source~~ sending party based on said provided call recipient local information, and wherein said notification system being still further configured to send an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party.

9. (Previously Presented) A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

identifying an attempt to send a mobile message from a sending party to a receiving handheld device of a receiving party;

responsive to said identifying step, determining information local to said receiving party, wherein said location information indicates whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed;

providing said determined local information to said ~~originating source~~ sending party; and

sending an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party.

10. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to claim 9, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

11. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to claim 10, wherein said mobile message is a text message.

12. (Previously Presented) A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

initiating a mobile message between a sending party and a receiving handheld device of a receiving party;

receiving local information from a service provider which services said receiving handheld device, wherein said location information indicates whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed;

processing said mobile message based on said received local information; and

sending an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party.

13. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

14. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said mobile message is a text message.

15. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to 12, wherein said processing step comprises, selecting an action from the group of actions consisting of sending said mobile message to said receiving handheld device, sending said mobile message to a mail box, and not sending said mobile message.

16. (Previously Presented) A method for providing call recipient local information comprising the steps of:

identifying an attempt to establish a telephone call between a calling party and a receiving handheld device of a called party;

responsive to said identifying step, determining information local to said receiving handheld device, wherein said location information indicates whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed;

automatically determining whether to complete said telephone call or terminate said telephone call based upon said determined local information; and

automatically sending an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party, said alert signal identifying said calling party.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the local information includes a time and two of a date, day, and location where said receiving device is located.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the local information includes a time, a date, day, and location where said receiving device is located.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of:

based on the local information, deferring said telephone call, which results in placing the call at an appropriate time as defined by at least one of the calling party and the called party.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, the local information includes a location where said receiving device is located.